

2024 World Wallball Championships

University of Limerick (UL) – August 18th – 23rd 2024

Tournament Information

Date:

- August 18th – 23rd 2024

Venues:

- University of Limerick Sports Arena

Grades:

- Men's & Ladies' Open Singles & Doubles Small Ball
- Men's & Ladies' Open Singles & Doubles Big Ball
- Men's & Ladies' A Singles & Doubles Big Ball
- Men's & Ladies' B Singles & Doubles Big Ball
- Men's & Ladies' C Singles & Doubles Big Ball
- Men's & Ladies' 40+ Singles & Doubles Big Ball
Must be not 39 as of the 18th of August 2024.
- Men's & Ladies' 50+ Singles & Doubles Big Ball
Must be not 49 as of the 18th of August 2024.
- Men's 60+ Singles & Doubles Big Ball
Must be not 59 as of the 18th of August 2024.
- 19 & Under Singles & Doubles (boys & girls)
Must be not 20 as of the 25th of August 2024.
- 17 & Under Singles & Doubles (boys & girls)
Must be not 18 as of the 25th of August 2024.
- 15 & Under Singles & Doubles (boys & girls)
Must be not 16 as of the 25th of August 2024.
- 13 & Under Singles & Doubles (boys & girls)
Must be not 14 as of the 25th of August 2024.
- 11 & Under Fun Doubles (boys & girls mixed)
Must be not 12 as of the 25th of August 2024.

Entry Criteria:

- It is recognised that with variations among handball played in member countries, categorisation of players based on skill levels may be difficult. Outlined below is a list of the Grades and the grading criteria for each grade.
- Members wanting to ensure appropriate seeding for participants from their country in the 'Open Tournaments' may help ensure this by sending the host committee a list of the players ranking in their country in each division.
- The Host Committee will decide which events to run based on considerations such as the number of participants. It is recommended that the Host Committee consider combining events with less than eight participants.
- A Doubles Team must register in the division of the highest calibre player.
- The Host Committee reserves the right to upgrade the categorisation of any player in its sole discretion.
- An 'Open' Player is a player who is Considered an 'Open player' in their County and has won a Singles Nationals 'A' title at the following: USA Nationals, Canadian Nationals, Australia Nationals, European Tour Stops, and all other major events. In the case of Ireland is graded as a 'Senior' Player.
- An 'A' player is a player who is outside of the top 32 in 'Men's Open Events' and must not have won a 'A' title at the following: World Championships, USA Nationals, Canadian Nationals, Australia Nationals, European Tour Stops, and all other major events. In the case of Ireland, players must not have played in the quarter finals of our Open Nationals or the Semi Final of the All-Ireland Senior Championship and must not have won a Junior Championship or an 'A' Nationals title.
- A 'B' player is a player who has not won a 'B' title at the following: World Championships, USA Nationals, Canadian Nationals, Australia Nationals, European Tour Stops, and all other major events. In the case of Ireland, players must not have won a Junior Championship or a 'B' Nationals title.
- A 'C' Player is a player who has never won a Local Championship of any kind i.e. Province, State or Country (International). In the case of Ireland, players must not have won a Junior B Championship or a 'C' Nationals title.
- A 'Overage' player must meet the age requirement by the first day of the Competition - 18th of August 2024.
- A 'Underage' Player, that of 19 & under through 11 & under must meet the age limit by the last day of the tournament - 24th of August 2024, so for example in the 19 & under, must not turn 20 until the 25th of August 2024.
- It is envisaged that plate competitions will be run for all Singles events, the format to be used for consolation events is a decision for the host committee and will be finalised upon close of entries.

Competition Format:

- All Cup games will be 2 x 15, and 1 x 11. Plate/Consolation and 11 & Under formats will be confirmed later.

Entry Details:

- Entry Fee: is €150 for Adult First Event (Early Bird – Closes Sunday the 16th of May 2024, Midnight) €175 thereafter (Close of entries – 23rd of June 2024, Midnight). €30 per additional event(s).
- Entry Fee: is €75 for Underage First Event (Early Bird – Closes Sunday the 16th of May 2024, Midnight) €90 thereafter (Close of entries – 23rd of June 2024, Midnight). €25 per additional event(s).
- Entry Fee: is €37.50 per player for the 11 & Under (Close of entries – 23rd of June 2024, Midnight) – Fun Doubles (can enter alone or as a team)
- Players can enter a maximum of four events, one singles, and one doubles in Big Ball, and one singles, and one doubles in Small ball.
- Entry fee will include the following:
 - One piece of tournament apparel.
 - Tournament information/goodie pack.
 - Spectator access to the venue, Not including the open finals.
- No refunds will be issued after the close of entries.
- Enter by Clicking on the Link

Accommodation:

- Onsite accommodation at the UL campus available from €70 per person/per night
- Click [here](#) for link to book UL accommodation.
- Click [here](#) to access Discover Ireland accommodation lists.

General Information

The University of Limerick (UL):

- The UL campus is truly one of the most beautiful university campuses anywhere in the world. Visitors never fail to be impressed by this peaceful green place with its trees, its fountains and the beautiful River Shannon flowing majestically through it all.

Accommodation - 2700 rooms in charming village residences:

- Accommodation is available in 6 charming residential villages offering a total of 2700 rooms, all equipped with Wi-Fi. Each village has its own distinct character and is in an attractive landscaped environment. The modern complexes offer 1500 ensuite rooms sharing a large kitchen/lounge area in each apartment and 900 standard rooms in comfortable houses. Full daily cleaning and self-catering service options are available to suit the budget for any event. Guests can enjoy a continental breakfast delivered to the residence daily, which provides an opportunity for participants to stay and meet each other in a relaxed atmosphere of the apartment.

Catering - Tailored Menus to Entice your Appetite:

- University of Limerick has a wide variety of cafés and restaurants to suit all types of meetings and events. We know that the food is a central factor when making an event a success. High quality conference and event catering is available in a range of restaurants and if you have any special dietary requirements the catering team will facilitate you to ensure your menu suits all of your delegates. Please see link to available cafés and restaurants - <https://conference.ul.ie/index.jsp?p=228&n=383>

Travelling to UL:

Travelling by Air -

- Shannon International Airport is only 25km from the university campus making Limerick accessible direct from a range of European destinations and worldwide through the hub of London Heathrow. Check out their website for all destinations to Shannon.

Travelling by Sea -

- Ferry services operate from the UK and France and regular coach and train services operate from Dublin and Cork to Limerick daily.

Travelling by Bus -

- Bus Eireann provide connections to and from all Ireland's major cities, including Limerick. Telephone 353 (0)61 313333 for more information. The service offered by Bus Eireann runs from Shannon Airport to the main Limerick City bus station, Colbert Station, Parnell Street, Limerick. This bus departs at least once every hour from the Airport and costs approximately €5.30 one way. For a detailed timetable you should log onto www.buseireann.ie and click on Airport Services. The last bus departs daily at 00h00 (midnight).
- JJ Kavanagh & Sons provides a service between Shannon Airport and 3 stops in Limerick: Arthurs Quay in the City Centre, outside the main gate of the university (Flagpoles of UL) or into the university (main campus bus stop). Tel: +353 (0)56 8831106. For a detailed timetable log onto www.jjkavanagh.ie, select Route "Shannon Airport - Limerick - Nenagh - Portlaoise - Kildare - Dublin City - Dublin Airport" timetable.
- M7 Express Service
Dublin Coach offer a direct bus from the University of Limerick to Dublin City Centre for €10.00 one way.

Travelling by Car -

- If you decide to rent a car from the airport the best route to get to Limerick by road can be found by logging onto this link - <https://www.theaa.com/route-planner/route>

Contact details:

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Where possible we kindly ask that all requests for information on the tournament is submitted via email to competitions.handball@gaa.ie.

By Entering the World Championships, you agree to uphold the GAA code of Conduct.